NOTICES OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

PRESIDENT : I have received notice of a few adjournment motions. The first one is from our friend, Mr. S. J. Nair. It reads—

> "I beg to move the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the serious political situation arising out of the report submitted to the Government hastily and without properly and sufficiently ascertaining the public opinion, by the Franchise and Delimitation Commissioner, Travancore, in view of the fact that the questions relating to the Franchise and Delimitation have been subjected to the criticism of the Legislatures in British India before the Government finally adopted them and also in view of the danger of the Government accepting the recommendations of the Franchise and Delimitation Commissioner without consulting the public opinion and thereby causing unnecessarily tremendous and universal agitation in the country."

The honourable member must have known—even if he did not know at the time of sending in the notice, he will know it now—that this is a matter *entirely* outside the purview of the Legislature. Under the Reforms Regulation and the Standing Orders framed thereunder, questions relating to franchise are not within the purview of the Legislature and therefore this House is not competent to discuss the motion. Further, I may assure the House that no such report has been received by Government.

There are two other motions. One is—

> "I beg to move that the business of the House be now adjourned for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the serious hardship caused to the ryots of Chirayinkil and Trivandrum taluks by a stagnant flood which has been subsisting for the past one month and more and continues unabated even now devastating a total extent of five thousand *paras* of paddy lands and thirty thousand acres of cocoanut gardens and resulting in aggregate damage of not less than Rs 5 lakhs and also for the purpose of suggesting certain practicable measure to avert frequent floods which has been a special phenomenon recently in the taluks referred to."

It is rather difficult, I think, to bring this motion within the wide ambit of a matter of urgent public importance. However, I shall ask the House whether they are prepared to give leave to the honourable member to move this adjournment motion, keeping in mind one principal factor that we are assembling on this occasion just for a few days to transact a good portion of official and non-official work. Whether this matter should be given preference over all other matters is entirely left to the House to decide. Therefore I shall ask whether the member has the leave of the House to move the motion.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I object to permission being granted.

PRESIDENT : Objection having been raised, as many of the honorable members as are in favour of leave being granted will please rise in their seats.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : I have not heard what the motion is.

PRESIDENT : It is rather one of those rare occasions in which I have been blamed as possessing an inaudible voice. Anyhow I am not

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going to read it again. The motion is about some floods which are threatening to damage paddy and cocoanut cultivation in the Chirayinkil and Trivandrum taluks. Honourable members in favour of leave being granted will please rise in their seats.

(Mr. K. Padmanabhan alone stood up.)

PRESIDENT: Excepting the mover, nobody has risen. I have therefore to inform the honourable member that the House refuses to grant him leave.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): On a point of order. I would just request the Chair to have the motion read out, as many of the honourable members on this side of the House did not hear it.

PRESIDENT: Excepting in the case of one member, I have not heard the complaint from anybody in the House.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Sir, several of the members have been asking me what the motion is.

PRESIDENT: Well, decision having been passed, it cannot be reopened.

The next motion is—I will ask honourable members to pay very careful attention to what I am reading—

> "I beg leave to move that the business of this House be adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the terrible and tragic bus accident that occurred near Kuzhittura bridge very recently, *i. e.*, on Friday the 7th Meenam 1111, involving heavy loss of life, limbs and property."

Here again I am not quite sure whether that one incident can be regarded as a matter of public importance. However, even in this case, I leave it to the House to decide whether they will give leave to the honourable member who brought forward this motion.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I object to leave being granted.

PRESIDENT: Objection having been raised, I have to ask those honourable members, who are in favour of this motion—and I hope they have all heard it read— to rise in their places.

(Seventeen members stood up).

PRESIDENT: More than fourteen members having signified their assent to the motion being taken up, it will accordingly be taken up on Saturday at 3-30 P. M.

REGULATIONS ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHA RAJA.

The Secretary reported that the following Bills had received the assent of His Highness the Maha Raja :—

(i) The Travancore Village Panchayat Regulation (Amendment) Bill as Regulation I of 1111.

(ii) The Travancore Registration Regulation (Amendment) Bill as Regulation II of 1111.

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